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A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) The following were the prices per imperial maund during November 1933:—

	Paddy, first sort.	Paddy, second sort.
	RS.	RS.
Russellkonda (Ghumsur) ...	1·73	1·37
Berhampur	1·79	1·58
Chatrapur	2·08	1·75

The commutation price (average of first and second sorts and average for the three stations) based on the above prices is Rs. 130 per garce.

(c) The commutation price of paddy on which the current re-settlement is actually based is Rs. 95 per garce for Ghumsur taluk and Rs. 101 per garce for Berhampur and Chatrapur taluks.

(d) The Government have not taken steps to create a further demand for paddy in the Ghumsur taluk. As regards improving prices, the attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the answer to question No. 541.

Public Service

Choice on the part of the Telugus and Oriyas as to their continuance in the public service of this Presidency after the formation of the Orissa Province.

* 677 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have asked Telugus and Oriyas serving in the Ganjam district and Oriyas in service in other districts of this Presidency to state unconditionally and definitely whether they will continue in service in Madras or in the proposed Orissa Province;

(b) the reasons for which the above information is sought;

(c) whether the Government have definite information about the scales of pay and conditions of service (including future prospects) prevailing in the Orissa division or of any definite rules framed for the proposed Orissa Province; and

(d) whether information referred to in clause (c) is furnished to the persons in public service who are asked to state their definite choice?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) In connexion with the transfer of a portion of the Madras Presidency to the new Orissa Province, the Government want to know the number of persons who may have to be provided for in this Presidency.

(c) & (d) No.